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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
EAST. DIV. COLUMBUS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

HELWA H. QASEM,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:22-cr-87

JUDGE Morrison

INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT 1
(Extortion Under Color of Official Right)

1. At all times relevant to this case, Defendant **HELWA H. QASEM** was a U.S. Probation Officer with the U.S. Probation Office, Southern District of Ohio. The U.S. Probation Office is a component of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

2. From 2016 through 2018, in the Southern District of Ohio, Defendant **HELWA H. QASEM** knowingly obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as those terms are defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1951. Specifically, **HELWA H. QASEM** obtained property, including but not limited to cash, Xanax, a sweater, a bag, and below-market personal services from multiple individuals under her supervision, with the consent of the individuals under her supervision, knowing the property was provided in exchange for Defendant **HELWA H. QASEM**'s official action in her role as a U.S. Probation Officer, under color of official right.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1951(a), (b)(2).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

3. Paragraphs 1 through 2 are incorporated here.
4. Upon conviction of the offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951 as alleged in this Information, Defendant **HELWA H. QASEM** shall forfeit to the United States, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offense.

Forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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